



# **EUROSAF MATCH RACING**

## **YOUTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **27<sup>th</sup> of April – 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2023**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the « Sport Nautique de l'Ouest » (SNO) Sailing Club in conjunction with EUROSAF and the French Sailing Federation (FFVoile).

#### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be SNO, Port Breton, 44470 CARQUEFOU (France).  
The location is close to Nantes (approximately 35mn drive from Nantes international airport).

#### **3 EVENT GRADING**

The event will be a World Sailing Grade 2 Youth event.  
This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

#### **4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

##### **4.1 Schedule**

- (a) Race office will be open on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of April at 13:00
- (b) Registration on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> from 13:00 until 17:30
- (c) Crew weighing on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> from 13:00 until 17:30
- (d) Practice on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> (2 sessions : 13h30-15h30 and 15h30-17h30)
- (e) First briefing on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 18:00
- (f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing
- (g) Opening Ceremony on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> at 18:30
- (h) Racing days from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> until Monday 1st of May
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 10:00
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 16:00
- (j) Prize giving on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of May at 16:30

##### **4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:**

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Opening ceremony and Regatta dinner, for skippers and crews.
- (e) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

## **5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1 Up to 12 (twelve) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- (a) Entries for the event will only be accepted from Members of EUROSAF who are in financial good standing with EUROSAF.
  - (b) Each EUROSAF Member has the right to send one team to the event, subject to i. 5.1. One entry is reserved for the winner of the 2022 EUROSAF Match Racing Youth Open European Championship (providing comply with 5.1(e)), and one entry is reserved for the host country. The host wild card will be chosen by the OA.
  - (c) Should there be more entries than places available, the places shall be awarded to the first teams ranked by order of registration with a maximum of one team per MNA.
  - (d) If fewer than 12 (twelve) entries are registered within the time limit for entry, the OA in conjunction with the EUROSAF Executive Board, will fill up with entries in accordance with EUROSAF Match Racing Regulation 3.7.
  - (e) All competitors shall be under 23 years old on 31st December 2023 (i.e, born after 31st December 2000). ID will be checked during the registration.
  - (f) At least three athletes shall be nationals or residents of the country of the EUROSAF Member entering the team, including the skipper. The EUROSAF Member shall be responsible for compliance. These criteria do not apply to crew substitutes with exceptions of the skipper.
- 5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.4.
- 5.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering through WS office via email [categorization@sailing.org](mailto:categorization@sailing.org)
- Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

## **6 ENTRIES**

### **6.1 Entering**

- (a) The skipper/team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card/local currency/cheque.
- (b) A valid ID shall be showed at the time of registration to check ages of the competitors.

### **6.2 Entry Fee**

A non-refundable entry fee of 500€ shall be paid at registration.

### **6.3 Withdrawal**

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

#### **6.4 Damage deposit**

- (a) An initial damage deposit of 1000€ shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

#### **6.4 Insurance**

All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance.

### **7 RULES**

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.  
(b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.  
(c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS:  
RRS C8.6 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions (SI).

### **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in J22's with symmetrical spinnakers.
- 8.2 6 boats will be provided + 1 spare boat.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee (RC).

### **9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 3 or 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 Crew Weighing  
The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 262,5 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- 10.1 Skippers will sail a full Round Robin based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event. The Format will be detailed in the SI.
- 10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:
- Stage 1 – Full Round Robin
- Stage 2 – Quarter Finals
- Stage 3 – Semi Finals and consolation Series
- Stage 4 - Finals
- 10.3 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

## **11 COURSE**

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be in front of the SNO Sailing Club, on Erdre River.

## **12 ADVERTISING**

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, World Sailing Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13 PRIZES**

- 13.1 The overall winner will be awarded a trophy and the title: EUROSAF Youth Match Racing European Champion.
- 13.2 There should be prizes for all places, subject to funding.
- 13.3 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

## **14 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

- 14.1 If required by the OA:
- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

- 14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.
- 14.4 The OA may organize a « partners' race » to promote the event and the partnerships of the OA. This race may be hold during the racing days, but will not count into the official results. Participation to this « partner's race » may be mandatory for all or some of the skippers and/or crew members, as requested by the OA.

## **15 COACH BOATS**

- 15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 15.2 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the PC to the associated skipper or team.

## **16 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

## **17 INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request form as soon as possible, but **no later than 28<sup>th</sup> of February**.

For further information, please contact Thomas Lelièvre: [thomas.lelievre@snonantes.fr](mailto:thomas.lelievre@snonantes.fr)



## **REQUEST FOR INVITATION**

This RFI must be sent to [thomas.lelievre@snonantes.fr](mailto:thomas.lelievre@snonantes.fr) before 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

NAME OF THE SKIPPER	
NATIONALITY	
SAILING CLUB	
W.S CURRENT RANKING	
DATE OF BIRTH	
WORLD SAILING SAILOR ID	
Email ADDRESS	
PHONE NUMBER	
CREW 1	
CREW 2	
CREW 3	

Date : \_\_\_\_\_ Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

### **EUROSAF MNA's approval**

We hereby approve this application for an invitation for the team mentioned above to the EUROSAF Match Racing Youth Open European Championship 2023 and we confirm that the applying team is nominated for representing our Federation at this event as under the EUROSAF Match Racing Regulation paragraph 3.2 (only one team can be nominated by one MNA).

National Authority	Name/Function	Signature	Date